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HER STORY

As we sat in her cozy living room one cold December afternoon, she shared remembrances of her youth in Galicia and her life in America. "Everybody's got a story to tell," she concluded. At 102, Karoline Radosevich has many stories to tell and I'm an appreciative listener.

Born Karoyka Nikelski June 17, 1896 in Stupnitza, Galicia, she still recalls the path she took to school, whose houses she passed on the way, and where the village church once stood. She calls to mind family names of fellow villagers which are familiar to me – a number of people emigrated from Stupnitza to Lorain, among them was my baba.

Karoyka was a hard-working youngster who rose at 4 a.m. to pick and clean mushrooms and then walk the distance to the large town of Drogobich to sell them and earn money for the family.

At fifteen she left her parents and younger brother and accompanied her aunt to America, first to Pittsburgh then to Lorain. There may have been a sense of "coming home" when she arrived in Lorain for here she found relatives and fellow villagers and the beginning of a church community. It was here that she also met a Serbian man named Eli Radosevich. In 1917 they were married in SS. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church, when the church was just a basement.

Karoyka and Eli raised a fine family of four sons and one daughter and were active in the parish. "Pennies, dimes, and nickels built our church," Mrs. Radosevich once told me. And she knew that first-hand for she and her husband were collectors. They and others walked from house to house in all types of weather to collect whatever they could. She recalled even going to Cleveland for contributions. Their hard work paid off for in 1926 the church was completed.

"On the day of the dedication of our church, the horse and wagon bringing the Bishop (Theophilis) became stuck in the mud. Stephen Livchak, with the help of my

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"Submitting my soul to the mercy of God,
and asking everybody's forgiveness
and forgiving everybody,
and remaining faithful to the
Orthodox Catholic Doctrines
up to my last minute,
believing and professing myself,
and submitting myself
to the prayers of all…

Last Will and Testament of St. Alexis, whose memory we celebrate on May 7 each year. His remains lie at the Monastery, So. Canaan, PA since 1909.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

When we enter the Church on Holy Pentecost, we can see that the day is special. Tree branches and flowers are decorating the church. In some churches the floor is strewn with fragrant grasses and herbs. The day has arrived when Christ's promise is fulfilled to send the gift of the Holy Spirit from God the Father.

His Mother Mary and the Apostles were at worship in the Upper Room when a mighty wind arose. The house rocked and the room was filled with its rush. Suddenly, tongues of fire came down on the heads of the Apostles. They were filled with the Holy Spirit promised by Christ at His Ascension. At once, the Apostles began to glorify God and to speak of Him in many languages which they had not known before.

To honor the Holy Spirit, special prayers are used in the Divine Liturgy and the Vesper Service with kneeling prayers served immediately following the Liturgy. The Vesper Service is known best for its three long prayers written by St. Basil. We are bidden to kneel during these prayers in which we confess our sins before the Heavenly Father, and for the sake of the great sacrifice of His Son, we implore mercy. We also ask the Lord Jesus to grant us the Divine Spirit for the enlightenment

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RADIANT RESURRECTION

In memory of Christ's forty days on earth following His Resurrection, we observe a forty day period when Christ is presented to us in His greatest glory so that we see the path which we must follow if we are to be partakers of that glory.

There are seven Sundays in this period.

The first of these is St. Thomas Sunday. On this Sunday we observe the appearance of Christ to His Apostles. St. Thomas refused to believe in Christ's Resurrection unless he touched Jesus. The readings for the day, April 18, are Acts 5:12-20 and John 20:19-31.

April 25 is dedicated to the Myrrhbearing women who went to the grave to anoint Jesus' Body. They were the first to see the stone rolled away and the angel. The readings are Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8.

The third Sunday, May 2, is called the Sunday of the Paralytic. The readings are Acts 9:32-42 and John 5:1-15. The paralytic waited for 38 years near the pool at Bethsaida for the "troubling of waters" so that he would be in the pool first and be healed. Our Lord cured him!

Mid-Pentecost occurs on May 5, which is midway from Easter to Pentecost, a period of fifty days.

May 9 is the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. It is also Mother's Day on the civil calendar. The readings are Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 and John 4:5-42. Jesus stopped at Jacob's Well to get a drink of water. Here He met the Samaritan Woman who would not give Him a drink because the Samaritans were forbidden to have contact with the Jews. After He spoke to her she ran and proclaimed: "Come and see the Knower of secrets, God Himself Who has appeared in the flesh so that mankind may be saved by Him."

The Man Born Blind is commemorated on May 16. We read about him in one of the Sunday readings Acts 16:16-34 and John 9:1-38. There is physical blindness and spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness is the greater tragedy so in the

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WHEN THE LEMKOS (GALICIANS) were forcibly resettled not only did they leave their ancestral property but the Churches with their contents were abandoned. Much of these were removed by some unseen hands: some were taken to private homes, some were destroyed, some were given to museums. All in all, much memorabilia was lost.

RE-IMAGINING is a movement of women in many denominations. It is the vanguard of feminist theology. It is described as a quintessential baby-boomer faith – a do-it-yourself, therapeutic, postmodern religion.

GUIDELINES FOR CLERGY, dated June 21, 1998 by the Synod of Bishops of the OCA, states under The Mystery of Penance 2. "For reception of Holy Communion more than once a month, Confession must be on a regular basis, and heard not less than once a month. This is to be implemented starting this month."

VAMPIRES IN THE CARPATHIANS by Petr Bogatyrev is a study on magic, rites and beliefs in Subcarpathian Rus. Especially interesting was the chapter on "The Folk Calendar," which explains traditions of the people. For a copy write: Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center, 7380 SW 86 Lane, Ocala, FL 34476-7006.

WOMEN, AN ORGANIZATION which publishes St. Nina's Quarterly, is planning a meeting for Nov. 12-13. For info: write: Women, 3440 Youngfield #272, Wheatridge, CO 80033.

THE PRAVOSLAVNIE OUTREACH places high school students from Russia into Orthodox homes in North America for one month every summer. The students can speak English. The goals of this program are both cultural and spiritual. One is for them to increase their knowledge about Orthodoxy. As a result of the communist regime, most of the students have not had the opportunity to learn about their faith. Contact Delaine Simpson at 918-622-6395 or visit the web site at www.orthodoxy.org/pravo.

PLANS FOR THE ST. THEKLA PILGRIMAGE at Antiochian Village (PA) are being completed. The dates are September 10-12. The pilgrimage emphasizes spiritual growth and fellowship. All Orthodox are invited.

THE OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHIVES of The Orthodox Church in America welcomes donations of materials of historical value. Photographs, periodicals, audio recordings and other memorabilia. The archives have materials dating back to 1793 and are used by researchers. Write: OCA Archives, PO Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ORIGINAL PATRIARCHATES OF THE CHURCH? The Seven Ecumenical Councils were held in the middle east and 4 of the Patriarchates were established at this time. This happened over 1500 years ago. Today these 4 Patriarchates are to be found in either Arab or Jewish majority countries. They have only a miniscule number of adherents. Jerusalem is now in Israel and the Christians who are mostly Arabs are restricted and are pressured to sell their property and ancestral lands. Alexandria is in Egypt. The Christians here live a very bitter life. However, there are more Christians here than in the other 3 Patriarchates combined. Antioch Patriarchate was relocated to Damascus over 800 years ago. It was in Turkey at that time. It is now in Syria and has about 200 families. Constantinople is now Istanbul, located in Turkey. The headquarters of the Patriarchate is located in an out-of-the-way place and seems to be under siege. There are only about 3000 Orthodox here. Halki, the seminary, has been closed for many years. All the Patriarchs are Greek.

A CONFERENCE AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY in Washington will be held from June 15-18. Eastern and Roman Catholics and Orthodox will dialogue to learn how the various traditions regard Mary, The Mother of God. For info contact: OL III Conference Office, PO Box 146, Fairfax, VA 22030 or call 1-703-691-8862.

RADIO PROGRAMS FROM CLEVELAND, OH from 1952 to 1964 have been put on cassettes by the granddaughter of Prof. V. Wassily Baranow, the choir director of St. Theodosius from 1947-67. The music is in Church Slavonic, and priests who took part are Frs. Proslopsky, Rusiniak, Tkachuk, Jula, Bohush, and Kappanadze. The cassettes are $20. For info write: Lora Dranse, 13962 Settlement Acres, Brook Park, OH 44142-3959.

CREDIT CARD READERS have been installed in a church in Madrid, Spain. Parishioners can now swipe their cards and select an amount. The bank that installed the machine gets a 2 percent fee.

PATRIARCH ALEXEI II DECRIED THE DEGENERATION OF MORALS in Russian society. He said life has become increasingly imbued with "the cult of violence, cruelty, betrayal and lechery. ...Christian culture is not only being mocked and ridiculed as an atavism but as something unnecessary.

SYMPOSIUM ON ST. GREGORY PALAMAS, co-hosted by Archbishop Lazar and Fr. George Papademetriou, to be held 25-27 June in San Luis Obispo, near Los Angeles. For info contact - Fr. James Matta, 1245 Green Oaks Dr., Los Osos, CA 93402.

THE HOUSE OF RUSSIAN PILGRIMS in Bari, Italy, near the Roman Catholic Cathedral, which is the home of the relics of St. Nicholas, was founded in 1911 by the Imperial Orthodox Patestinian Society. Construction was stopped several times and ownership has been changed over the years. Now the building has a chapel on the first floor belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and the Moscow Patriarchate will have access to a church on the third floor and space for office accommodations, etc. A home for elderly people has been established in the building. The office in Bari becomes the first Russian Orthodox Church Office in a predominantly Roman Catholic country and will serve as a liaison office with the Vatican.

•Her story

husband and Nicholas Sosiak, used his horse and wagon to pull the Bishop's wagon out of the mud," Mrs. Radosevich related as she recalled this memorable day for the parish.

Both she and her daughter, Olga Franta, now remember these days as happy ones. Visiting with family and friends and Sunday picnics "in the woods" are pleasant memories. "People were friendlier then and took time to talk." These were also the days of plays in our church and Mrs. Radosevich was well-known for her acting ability. "We had a good group to make a good show," she said with certainty. The troupe was so good, in fact, that they once had the opportunity to perform out-of-state.

In time, the Radosevich family moved to Huntington 25 miles away but that didn't deter their church attendance. Instead, they were up at 4 a.m. to prepare for the street car ride to Lorain. Another family who lived nearby chose to come to church by horse and wagon.

During the early years of the church, parishioners completed all the maintenance work themselves. In 1931, their teen-aged son, George, painted the church dome. When asked, Mrs. Radosevich noted that her oldest son had done this difficult and dangerous job without thought of payment.

Later, the family moved closer to Lorain. Karoyka and Eli became Karoline and Alex as they settled into their lives here in America and watched their family grow. In 1981, Mr. Radosevich passed away at the age of 92.

Years pass, times change, and people forget, but how fortunate for our parish that we've had Karoline Radosevich to share her vivid memories of what parishioners long ago did "for our church." Her message for us today is simple and direct, "Go and work and do for the Lord."

Last week I visited with Mrs. Radosevich and found her spry and in good health and good spirits. She and Olga were looking forward to this spring – to see what colorful flowers would bloom from the bulbs she herself had planted last fall.

Everyone does have a story to tell and our lives are enriched when we stop and take time to listen.

Margaret Pysarchyk

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Move away from temptation and leave no forwarding address.

•Happy Birthday

and confirmation of our souls. Finally, we pray for our deceased relatives, that the Lord might grant them repose in a place of light and refreshment. Many parishes go to the cemetery on this day because of this third kneeling prayer.

Decorate the door of your home with a green tree branch or wreath. Welcome the Holy Spirit!

•Radiant Resurrection

Kondak for the day we pray: "With eyes spiritually blind I come to you, O Christ, and like the man who was blind from birth I cry out to You with repentance: 'To those who are in darkness, You are the shining light'."

The Holy Day of the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday, May 20. This is forty days after the Resurrection/Easter. The readings are Acts 1:1-12 and Luke 24:36-53. It commemorates the return of Our Redeemer to His Father. The feast is called "the Taking up (into heaven)" after Luke 9:51. The day has two moods: one is sadness for the Apostles who felt lonely and uncertain without their Lord; the other, joy, because "they were gladdened with the promise of the Holy Spirit."

Sunday, May 23 honors the fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, which was held in Nicea in 325 AD. The Council lasted two months and two hundred fifty bishops from all over the known world were present. It was necessary to meet to define what the Church taught to be truths. Some heresies had entered. The Nicene Creed was formulated and each father swore: "I believe in One God the Father..." This creed is a symbol of individual commitment.

Saturday, May 29 is Soul Saturday. Holy Pentecost, which comes fifty days after the Resurrection/Easter, is celebrated on May 30. The readings for this day are Acts 2:1-11 and John 7:37-52, 8:12. This is a great day which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of our Christian Church.

MOTHER'S DAY

Many countries celebrate Mother's Day. In the U.S., May 6 has been set aside as the day on which we honor our mothers.

There is a mother which the Church honors on May 8. And what a mother! St. Emelia bore nine children, and five of them became Christian saints. Most of us have heard of St. Basil the Great, and St. Gregory of Nyssa. But there was St. Peter of Sebaste and two women, St. Macrina and St. Theosevia. Unfortunately, we could not find much material on St. Emilia, but it is written: "She so endowed each of them with a Christian spirit that five of them became saints." St. Emilia founded a monastery in her old age and she lived there with her daughter, St. Macrina, until she died on May 8, 375.

More recently there was a mother who had three sons. They made much progress in their chosen vocations and lived moral lives. At one Mother's Day banquet she was asked how she brought up her children that they were so good. She got up and said: "I don't think that bringing up good children is so unusual. I have little education so all I could teach them was four things: the fear of God, their prayers, their manners, and how to work."

It would have been interesting to know what St. Emilia taught her children. From their writings, it can be deduced that she taught them much the same as this later day mother.

• Kitchen Corner

Arrange chicken pieces in baking dish with melted butter, skin side down. Do not cover. Bake 45 minutes, turning once.

The book is a bargain at $12.50 plus $2.50 postage and handling. Order from St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 108 North Third St., DuBois, PA 15801.

WINTER'S GRACE

The account of Jesus' healing the paralytic, who was lowered through the roof, can be studied from many viewpoints, but after reading Mark 1-12, we can relate with the last verse: "They were all astounded and glorified God, saying 'We have never seen anything like this'."

Astonishment, as well as gratitude and joy, are natural reactions to Jesus' healing action. People do not readily believe that God cares enough to cure them so completely – in mind, body and soul. But Jesus continues to do this, coming to bring suffering and sinful humanity back into the peace and harmony of God.

Though it may not always be evident, God cares deeply when we are diseased, dysfunctional or caught up in sinfully destructive relationships and pursuits. God constantly offers us the opportunity to be healed and to turn our lives around. We must be open to God working in our lives, even if the action is barely discernible. If we are, then astonishment, gratitude and joy can be ours.

O Lord, help me to be aware of Your loving care and to accept it graciously.

ETHNIC CHUCKLE

Dorohaya Tyotya Mareea,

Spasebo, spasebo zhe veh preslalee me vash picture. Yah tak plakala kolee yah looking nah vash lubezneh face. You look like moya mama, vasha setrah, God bless her soul. Veh mayeteh takee same smiling eyes. Yah tak study toth picture. Yah vidyou zhe veh mayete novee fence. Nice.

Yah taka sorry zeh yah neh piesalla van uzheh takee long time noh yah mala takee trouble z me husbandom. Teper zhe ohn retired, ohn nech neh robee eh don't want to go anywhere. Ohn just sitting around doin nothing. A yah, teper zhe chula za women's lib, yah want to do things. Yah neh dumam zhe Pan Boh nas putting on earth to sit around doing nothing.

Yah taka tired just sitting around zhe kolee me next door neighbor asked me to go nah day trip doh New Yorku yah signed up nah trip. Yah mala takee nice time. Yah peeshla nah lunch ee show nah Broadvay. Kolee yah peshla domu me staree takee mad zhe yah one hodenuy late. Next few days ohn walking around house yak malee boice looking takee stratchene. No yah make up my mind, yah neh weakening. Kolee, about a month later, me neighbor asked me to sign nah bus do Atlantic City, Yah signed. Yah treid to interest me husband - noh ohn kazhe zhe ohn don't believe in gambling. Yah telling him zhe voda taka nice, ee much other things to see noh nech zhe yah saying makes a difference - ohn neh want to move and that's it. To u Amerikee yest name nah takoho - "Couch potato."

Anyway, yah peeshla ee mala takee good time. Kolee yah preshla domu, ohn takee smurgatee. Noh yah close me eyes to it. Teper, yah signed up for trip doh Floridee. Toh budah pyat day trip. Yah nech yemu ne poveela. Yah dusted off me suitcase, eeh yah slowly putting in shatyah zhe necessary. Yah squirreled away the suitcase pod postelu where ohn neh find it. Noh yah znam zhe ya can't leave him like that. Yah stuffing me freezer with dinners. Staree mozhe klastee u microwave ee matee good meals while I'm gone. No yah neh hotchu making him too comfortable. Who knows mozehe next time ohn will come instead of sitting at doma sam.

Budte zdrovee
Getting around,
Hanya

MID-PENTECOST IS MID-POINT

Even after we started to use English in the Church, Mid-Pentecost retained its Slavonic name of Prepolovennie. This day has been on the Church calendar for a long time. It can be shown that the liturgical hymns for this day have been written in the 5th century by Patriarch Anatoly of Constantinople, in the 7th century by St. Andrew of Crete, in the 8th century by St. John Damascus and in the 9th century by Theophan the Confessor. Prior to this, it was alluded to in Canon 37 of the Apostolic Constitutions and Canon 20 of the Council of Antioch. By the time of St. John Chrysostom, the feast was already well established and celebrated by the entire Church.

We can note the importance of this day on the Church calendar if we know that it is celebrated for a period of eight days. Most Holy Days have a three-day period.

Mid-Pentecost serves as a bond connecting the two greatest Christian Holy Days of Easter and Pentecost. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost complements the Resurrection, both being together the ultimate events in our Redemption from sin and the devil. The gift of the Spirit is the completion of God's redemptive work here on earth, which continues in His Church through the grace and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The feast of the Mid-Pentecost comes on May 5 this year.

LORD HAVE MERCY!

How many of us let our minds wander during the litanies when the choir repeatedly sings "Lord have mercy"? This is not the time for passive participation - we should concentrate on the petitions which the priest is chanting.

For example, the Great Litany, also called the Litany of Peace, is a set of prayers in the beginning of the Liturgy in which we ask God for spiritual and material blessings. We pray:

1) for the unity of all people

2) for all Orthodox Christians and for those who are together with us in the Divine Liturgy.

3) for the clergy and all people

4) for the city in which we live and every other city

5) for good weather and harvest

6) for peaceful times

7) for those who are traveling, for the sick, for those who are suffering and for those in captivity

8) we also pray that God will deliver us from danger, bad times, hunger, or any situation which could bring us harm.

The next time you're in Church, pay attention to these petitions, and pray them. It will make your participation in the Divine Liturgy more meaningful and worthwhile.

Dabs of Thoughts

Arthritis was so common during the Roman Empire that the ruler Diocletian exempted citizens with severe arthritis from paying taxes.

Pope Urban VII issued a decree effective on Nov. 26, 1624 that clergy were to wear black. In this country at a Council of Roman Catholics in Baltimore held in 1884 it was decreed that clerics should wear the Roman collar and a coat of black or some somber color.

Orthodox Churches are "crowned" with domes or cupolas to represent God's abiding presence and our participation and life in His eternal Kingdom.

Many churches now have "Holy Pictures" on their walls and ikonostasis. Technically, those which are not identified are not considered ikons.

The Holy Gospel or ikons are never carried in a procession unless they rest on a cloth. The person who is to carry the items approaches the priest with a cloth draped across his two arms. The priest then places the Holy Bible, Cross or ikon on the cloth.

The opening and closing of the Royal Doors has meaning. Rather than eliminate this ritual, learn more about it.

The Divine Liturgy is timeless. The priest removes his wristwatch when he serves at the altar.

Following the receiving of Holy Communion, we sing, "Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord... Keep us in Thy holiness, that all the day long we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia." This prayer was introduced into the Divine Liturgy by Patriarch Sergius around the year 624 and expresses hope that the effects of Holy Communion be lasting and remain with the recipient.

An astonishing number of ordination of deacons is taking place. Now a concerted effort must be made to train choir directors and chanters. Too often, specialized services are not held because there is no one to do the responses.

Any lie and any promise not kept is a sin against God's gift of speech.

Blessed Augustine



EDITORS' NOTES

We begin our 48th year of continuous publication. Thanks to all who have helped us in so many ways during this time. The Orthodox Herald is strictly a reader supported paper. We have no advertisement nor are we subsidized. Thousands of people subscribe and many more thousands get copies in the church through the Packet Plan. Our subscription prices are the lowest of any publication anywhere. Some people say: "We don't know how you make ends meet!" The answer lies in you – our loyal friends and supporters. Your donations add up as do many volunteer work hours, so we are able to pay our mounting monthly bills. Circulation has been growing and we are having a national impact. We pray that God gives us the strength to continue spreading the information about Him and His Holy Church.

Last month, we wrote that we would not order any more Easter Basket Covers from Europe. We have changed our minds and have ordered more. We received so many orders we just couldn't disappoint so many of you. We have a waiting list of 28 orders as of April 1. These will not be delivered until after Easter. But if you want a cover ($30), order now. The village women are busy embroidering covers. We are receiving orders from people who have already received one and liked them so much, they want to order for others.

We are changing our mailing process. If you have difficulty receiving your copy, please notify us. Be patient.

If you are traveling and plan to attend Divine Liturgy, call ahead as to time. It seems that 10 a.m. is no longer the "Sacred Hour." You may come at 10 and find the service over.

One of the first prayers we learned was "Tzaru Nebesni".

We sang it at each session of Russian School, which we attended following our regular day school sessions. For a long time, we had to sing it in our heads or we could not recite it. Now we have learned it in English. As part of our Lenten rule, we meditated and discussed it verse by verse as the days went by. It is so rich in meaning.

"O Heavenly King, the Comforter; the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fillest all things; Treasurer of blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us and cleanse us from every blemish and save our souls, O blessed One."

This prayer is the prayer of the Holy Spirit who is especially commemorated this month.

The Stroyens

HELP FOR ORPHANS

Eighty kilometers outside of Moscow, in the small town of Fryazino, a group of 90 very special children live in an old, gray, dilapidated building. The children range in ages from birth to 8 years. They are here because for one reason or another they have been abandoned by their parents. Many of the children have physical and mental disabilities such as Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, and fetal alcohol syndrome. One three-year-old girl was born missing 5 ribs on one side of her body, and another six-year-old girl was born with no eyes. I am told that most of the disabled children have been there since birth. Their mothers are given the option to give up a sick child to the state; most of them take advantage of this opportunity. The "normal" children, or those with no obvious symptoms, are there because their parents have too many children at home, the parents don't have enough money to support the children, or because the parents are always too drunk to take care of the children. Although some of these children are eligible for adoption, many are doomed to institutional life because their parents refuse to give up parental rights.

The conditions at the orphanage are frightening. The walls are cracking and peeling. The entire building smells of urine. Basic supplies such as band-aids and soap are missing, and rags are used for diapers. Up until last month an eight-year-old boy with cerebral palsy was confined to an umbrella stroller. Thanks to a generous American donor he now has a wheelchair. Staffing is very limited. One care-taker is assigned to anywhere between 12 to 15 children. While she feeds one toddler, the rest stand in their cribs hungry, wet and crying. This is certainly not the environment most of us in the West would consider appropriate for children.

I have committed myself to doing everything I can to improve these children's lives. My job as a flight attendant has allowed me to transport donated supplies directly to these children. However, their needs are continuous. Items such as clothing, underclothes, cloth diapers, shoes, baby wipes, band-aids, cold medicine, cotton swabs, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, baby oil, educational toys, crayons, coloring books, construction paper, towels, crib sheets, children's wheelchairs, child walkers with wheels, portable potties, vitamins, powdered drinks (such as Tang), peanut butter, and other nutritional snacks are always needed.

A few local businesses as well as some of my co-workers have generously donated some of these desperately needed supplies. Funds are also being raised to supply the orphanage with such items as washing machines and dryers. However, ninety children require a constant supply, and my resources have worn thin. I'm asking you, the community, to help me continue to help them. St. Herman's Orthodox Church has offered to act as a drop-off point for donations. They are located on Military Trail, just south of Hypoluxo in Lake Worth, FL (561/968-5343), or call 954/419-9487 for more information. All donations, new or used, are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference in the lives of these orphans.

–Barbara Szokarski

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HUMANISM

Much of the content of humanistic psychology derives from the central assumption that man is good and has no inclination toward evil. Selfishness, aggression, and other undesirable behaviors are blamed on man's environment, not on man himself… Man is simply good as he is. As a consequence, much stress is laid on simply being oneself. This self-acceptance is encouraged without regard to any prior transformation of the self, meaning, of course, that the need for repentance, for forgiveness, for God's grace are all nullified at the outset. Wm. Kilpatrick



When Father Basil was a preschool child, his father was the parish priest in Urey, PA. He has remained interested in the area and usually makes a yearly "pilgrimage" to visit the church, the cemetery and remaining people of the parish. You can imagine his interest when we received a cookbook "From the Master's Table," which was a joint effort of St. Nicholas Church in DuBois, PA and SS Peter and Paul Church of Urey, PA. He looked through the book searching for familiar names.

The book has about 1000 recipes, articles on Christmas Eve and Pascha food and thought provoking proverbs. It was difficult to select a recipe, but since this is the season when we start to picnic, I selected Hungarian Fried Chicken by Charlene Yount. Pork chops made according to this recipe are also good.

HUNGARIAN FRIED CHICKEN

1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
2 to 2 1/2 lb. chicken
2 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 Tbls. paprika
1/2 tsp. onion salt
2 Tbls. lemon juice
1 cup dried bread crumbs

Heat oven to 350°. Melt butter in baking dish in the oven. Place flour in paper bag and shake pieces of chicken until coated. In bowl, beat eggs with salt, paprika, onion salt and lemon juice. Dip floured pieces of chicken into egg mixture, then into crumbs, turning to coat evenly.

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BIBLE STUDY

Sometimes we may read from the Bible and it does not have a message for us. This is not unusual. Hundreds of years ago a monk complained to St. Arsenius that, while reading the Holy Scriptures, he felt neither the power of the words he read nor any sweetness in his heart. To this, the saint replied: "My child, just continue reading! I have heard that snake-charmers, when they cast a spell on the snakes, pronounce words that they themselves do not understand; but the snakes, hearing the words spoken, feel their power and are tamed. So with us, when we constantly keep the words of Holy Scripture on our lips; even if we cannot feel their power, the evil spirits, hearing these words, flee in terror, for they cannot abide the Word of the Holy Spirit. My child just continue reading! The Holy Spirit, who wrote the divine words through those He inspired, will hear and understand, and will hasten to your aid; and the demons will hear and understand, and will flee from you. That is: He whom you summon to your aid will understand, and he whom you want to drive from you will understand, and both goals will be reached."

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

On this Memorial Day, take time to offer a prayer of eternal memory for the deceased veterans who served within our armed forces. Also remember the deceased Orthodox Priests who served as Military Chaplains and their Matushki. They gave selfless service to our country, serving in our nation's armed forces. And, also remember the current Active Duty and Reserve Component Orthodox chaplains and their families as well as those Orthodox chaplains who retired from active duty and their families that God grant them His choicest blessings as they continue to work for Our Lord in His vineyard.

It should be noted that the first North American Orthodox Chaplain was Fr. John Ovsianitzky, who served with the Royal Canadian Armed Forces in 1915. Both Fr. Ovsianitzky and Fr. Borichevsky are buried at the cemetery at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Monastery, South Canaan, Penna. Many of you will journey on the memorial day pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary, South Canaan, Penna., this May; it would be appropriate for you to make a visit to Fr. Borichevsky's and Fr. Ovsianitzky's burial sites.

V. Rev. Theodore Boback, Jr.
Retired Army Chaplain

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When a person complains that his photograph doesn't do him justice, perhaps what he really wants is not justice but mercy.